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AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUANCE OF HERVÉ J. L'HEUREUX AS CHIEF OF THE VISA DIVISION FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

AUGUST 22 (legislative day, AUGUST 1), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. GREEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4674]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration H. R. 4674 authorizing the Secretary of State to continue Hervé J. L'Heureux to serve as Chief of the Visa Division for an additional year commencing September 1, 1951, unanimously report the bill to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On August 17, 1951, the committee voted to report favorably H. R. 4674, the House-passed companion bill to S. 1785 which was introduced by Senator McCarran on June 29, 1951.

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

Section 571 (a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, permits the appointment of Foreign Service officers to positions in the Department of State for a period of not to exceed 4 years, whereupon they must return to the field. Mr. Hervé J. L'Heureux, Foreign Service officer, class 1, was appointed Chief of the Visa Division on September 2, 1947, and will have to leave that position on September 2 of this year, unless the Secretary of State is authorized to continue his assignment.

The work and importance of the Visa Division has been steadily increasing during the last several years. Mr. L'Heureux is thoroughly familiar with the work of that Division and his transfer to the field at this time would not be in the best interest of our national security. During his 4 years as Chief, Mr. L'Heureux has served with ability.

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He has been most helpful in connection with the administration of the Displaced Persons Act and has carried other heavy responsibilities. A number of private agencies concerned with immigration and the entry of displaced persons, have urged the continuance of Mr. L'-Heureux as Chief of the Visa Division. The Department of State has sought the approval of this legislation in order not to lose a man of his experience at this critical time.

The committee recommends the Senate approve this bill which will enable Mr. L'Heureux to retain his present position for one more year.

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